

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1862.

should pass some law on the subject, these people must be left entirely unregulated, or private individuals must undertake the task of directing their labor, and afford them the intelligent direction which the flight of their masters had withdrawn from them. This the Government could not do, and that is precisely the task which our three societies have undertaken, until Congress shall adopt some general plan.

And now I beg to add to what I have thus said in defense of our societies, that the work before us is one of great interest, and calls for the aid of all the humane, unless we wish to see realized the hope that we are afraid some entertain, that the condition of the negro may be made worse by his emancipation than it was when he was held in bondage.

J. V. EDMONDS.
President National Freedmen's Relief Association.
New-York, March 21, 1862.

CITY ITEMS.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACE'S THEATRE.—No. 544 Broadway, "The Wonder," Winter Garden—Broadway, "Camille."

LAWRENCE'S THEATRE.—Broadway, "The Macbeth, or Poor O' Day."

NELSON'S GARDEN.—Broadway, "Jane Shore," and "Black-Eyed Susan."

MARY PHOENIX'S THEATRE.—No. 405 Broadway, "Richard III," and "Melita's Aid."

BARNES'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.—Broadway, Com. Nott, Living Hippopotamus, White As, day and night; "Sakai and Sakamoto."

VAN ALSTINE & CO.'S MANAGERIAL.—Seventeenth street, Ninth avenue—Wild Beast, Performing Elephants, The Lion Tamer, &c., 7 p.m.

FRENCH OLD FOLKS.—Church of the Redemption, Fourteenth street—Concert.

PYNE JOHN W. HOW.—Clinton Hall: Readings from Shakespeare and Sheridan.

LYING HALL.—Fifteenth street and Irving place, "Grand Ball-Hall Tournament."

CHESTER'S IRISH OF THE ANDES.—Gowline's, No. 72 Broadway.

HORN CHAPEL.—No. 720 Broadway, "South Sea Whaling Voyage."

LECTURES TO-NIGHT.—"Aaron Burr," by the Rev. Wm. H. Milburn, John street M. E. Church.

"Ancient and Modern Rome," by the Rev. J. Hubbard Winslow, Broadway Hall, Forty-Seventh street.

"The Progress of Slavery," by the Hon. James A. Briggs, Continental Hall, Eighth avenue and Thirty-Fourth street.

"Garibaldi and Italy," by the Rev. J. P. Newell, Bedford street M. E. Church.

ST. DOMINGO.—The resources of this beautiful island will be treated on by Mr. Fabens, late U. S. Consul at Cayenne, at the Geographical Rooms, Clinton Hall, this evening (see advertisement in another column). At this time, when the emigration of our colored people to the shores of St. Domingo is active, these explanatory illustrations command a good deal of interest.

BELL'S HEAD.—The weekly market for beef cattle, which closed yesterday at Forty-fourth street, although upheld by a combination of speculators, was not so good for the owners as the previous week, the average quality of stock being better, and the price hardly as high—the great bulk of the cattle sold at rates equivalent to \$12@# per cent per pound for the net weight of meat sinking offal. The price of the market was dull, and sales slow, but without material reduction from the opening prices. There were 3,477 head of bullocks sold in the city during last week; 3,300 head of them at the market, at Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue.

THE CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE.—The annual meeting of this association took place on Tuesday evening, when a full exhibit of the operations of the year was presented. The army work was three-fold: Preaching in the camps at home, visiting those at the seat of war, and sending religious reading wherever our men have gone. Of the latter, 50,000,000 pages have been sent, beside the army hymn-book. The work at home has consisted in holding meetings for the special object of gathering together the non-church-goers of the city. In order to effect this, meetings have been held in cellars, halls, tents, theaters, barracks, churches, and in the open air. All the work has had only \$1,443 expended in all the operations of the city. The printed report will soon be ready for distribution. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D.

First Vice-Pres.—Rev. Alfred Stevens, LL. D., and Rev. A. Gillett, D. D.

General Secretary—Rev. Charles Chester Goss.

Treasurer—Charles Evans, Junr., LL. B.

Members—D. B. D., H. B. W. Weston, D. D.; Rev. H. C. Conard, D. D.; Rev. John Cotton Smith, Rev. F. S. Willey, Rev. Alfred Cookman, Rev. Peter Straker, Rev. A. R. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Remond, Rev. J. H. W. Sloan, Rev. W. Willson, M. D.

MARINE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.—On Tuesday evening, the 25th anniversary of the Marine Temperance Society, auxiliary to the New-York Port Society, was held in the Mariners' Church, corner of Madison and Catherine streets; Capt. E. Richardson, President of the Society, in the chair. The exercises were commenced by the Rev. C. J. Jones, Pastor of the Mariners' Church, who offered prayer.

Capt. Richardson, the first President of the Society, stated what was the nature and extent of the pledge taken by members of the Society.

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PROGRESS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—The following table shows the population of this city bywards, as returned by the United States Census Marshals at each enumeration. The figures below the tota show the percentage of increase for each period of ten years:

1800. 1810. 1820. 1830. 1840. 1850. 1860.

4,329. 7,941. 12,635. 21,311. 30,629. 49,734. 57,567.

5,167. 8,493. 11,714. 16,261. 21,665. 32,954. 37,567.

5,141. 7,656. 11,256. 17,705. 22,250. 31,974.

9,140. 14,344. 17,471. 21,722. 26,159. 32,666. 39,628.

16,026. 19,709. 2